

Maternal and Child Health Block Grant

5th Congressional District

Every year, the state of Washington receives about \$8.77 million in funding from the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant (MCHBG). Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, Lincoln, Spokane, Whitman, Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield and Asotin Counties receive about \$644,000 of this funding to improve the health and lives of pregnant and reproductive-age women, infants, children, and adolescents, including children and youth with special healthcare needs.

In 2014, MCHBG funds directly benefited more than 14,000 pregnant women, approximately 87,000 newborns, more than 7,700 children with special healthcare needs, and more than 46,000 other children, adolescents, and adults statewide.

The MCHBG supports work in the 5th Congressional District

Columbia County

- Connect with child care providers and medical clinics to promote Universal Developmental Screening—a screening that helps to identify autism and developmental conditions in children.

Ferry, Stevens and Pend Oreille Counties

- Bring a Great MiNDS (Great Medical Homes Include Developmental Screening) Training to medical providers after an assessment showed that not all children across the three counties were receiving appropriate developmental screening.

Lincoln County

- Coordinate care and complete referrals for children with developmental needs.

Garfield County

- Assure link to services for children with autism.

Asotin County

- Provide the only available pregnancy testing and family planning service in the county.

Spokane County

- Develop 1-2-3 CARE, a trauma-sensitive, resiliency building toolkit, for caregivers of children—parents, grandparents, daycare providers, and healthcare providers.

Whitman County

- Reach 95 children with dental education with the Smile Mobile.

Walla Walla County

- Connect families of children with special health care needs to health and social services.



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